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CONSTANT VELOCITY UNIVERSAL JOINT APPARATUS

Enclosed are:

X A specification consisting of 74 pages

X 39 sheet(s) of formal drawings

X An assignment of the invention

X Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

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